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ATTUNGA 1865 SHIRAZ



DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

This Single Vineyard wine is crafted from a small patch of vines in the sub region of Watervale, made entirely from 12 rows of vines just north of Auburn. Planted in 1865, this dry-grown vineyard produces a limited number of small bunches that are packed with power, flavour and elegance. Only released in outstanding seasons, the Attunga Shiraz is a testimony to vision, hard work and endurance. Cropping at just over one tonne per acre in most seasons, and with 2014 being a cooler growing season in the valley, all the indicators were in place for an exceptional vintage to occur. Just enough rainfall fell throughout the growing season to cover this dry grown vineyard's needs, with the Terra Rossa soils across the block providing just enough nutrients and support to fully and evenly ripen the single parcel of fruit. Low chemical inputs and an increasing focus on traditional methods of viticulture within this vineyard are definitely paying off with improved vine health across the block. Hand harvested at just over 14 degrees baumé, the fruit was gently crushed after individual berry sorting to a small, wooden open topped fermenter. The ferment was pumped over by hand twice daily for ten days, before gently basket pressing to a selection of new and one-year-old French oak hogsheads. The wine was allowed to mature in barrel for eighteen months before final bottling – both unfinned and unfiltered. The bottled wine then given a further two and a half years in the cellar prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

Brick red in colour with youthful crimson hues. Lifted and exotic, the nose an infusion of herbs, tar, savoury meats and dark fruits swirling, supported by charry French oak complexity. This is an Attunga of seamless texture and elegance, dark cherries and red fruited structure with a coherence that beautifully interlocks finely tuned tannins and understated yet classy French oak.

HOW TO SERVE

Serve with grilled fillet of Venison. Also pairs well with hard cheeses. Although drinking beautifully now, a wine that will certainly reward further cellaring to reach its true potential.

VINTAGE
2014
STYLE
Red
BLEND OF GRAPES
100% Shiraz
WINEMAKER
Peter Warr & Kirby Graudins
ALCOHOL
14%

